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INTRODUCTION

So many lists of children's books have been published that a reason is due for printing still another. The following selection of books is intended as the foundation collection for the children's shelves of a public library. The libraries of the many cities and villages, which have no children's librarian and whose head librarian can not be expected to know all about every phase of her work, often carry very unbalanced collections of children's books. The librarian seeking help finds many lists too short, composed almost exclusively of the classics, with too little attention given to a very real and practical problem, namely, the demand for popular and recent titles; she finds many lists too long and containing books that quickly get out of date; she finds some lists which belong to the school rather than to the public library, and so on.

There are 300 titles given in this list. Here are the great books on which generations of children have been nourished and which no child of today should miss. Here are books for tiny children, for older children and for boys and girls in their early teens. Poetry, fairy tales and "fact" books; books new and old; stories of home, school and out-of-doors; thrilling adventures; tales of "far away and long ago" are included. The experience of many children's librarians during many years of contact with all sorts and conditions of children has been put into this selection.

It would be an interesting exercise for a librarian to read all these books and then try to make a list of all the "windows" that these would open in a child reader's mind; all the great writers and splendid artists gathered here; all the countries, times and sub-

jects introduced; the higher and the lesser ethical qualities; the wholesome humor and clever wit; the varieties of style and language.

Beautiful and therefore costly editions of particularly worth-while books have been listed, but the cheapest edition consistent with the maintenance of a proper standard in book make-up has also been given. The high cost of children's books is a stumbling block to librarians, and is often pleaded as an excuse for buying cheap juveniles. Let me quote this illustration: If you went to a grocer to buy the best food for your child and the man scoffed at your putting your money into a bottle of grade A milk when he could give you a barrel of sawdust for the same money, would you take the sawdust? Shelves full of cheap trash are exactly as good nourishment for children's minds and souls as sawdust is for their bodies. *The prince and the pauper* at \$2.25 is an investment for the whole life of the many children to whom you give it.

This list is not graded, but suggestions are given as to the ages to which the books will generally appeal. Never keep a bright youngster from reading the books on the "over ten" section, nor let an older child feel shamefaced about looking at the splendid picture books. None but books really classed as juveniles are given, but the librarian should have a shelf of fine adult books, old and new, close to the children's shelves, and all the boys and girls should be encouraged to read these as soon as they are ready for them, regardless of their ages or school grades.

I wish that every librarian who has read the above would supplement this introduction by reading the *A. L. A. Manual on library work with children*, especially the section on "The Books."

With these principles of selection in mind, with the books listed below, and with the annual selection of new books prepared by the New York State Library for the Bookmark Section of *New York Libraries* no librarian need fear the inspection of her shelves by experts in children's literature *provided* she has "weeded" her old collection in accordance with the principles given.

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Note to 1931 edition. Eighty-nine titles appearing in the 1925 edition have been omitted and more recent titles substituted for them.

C. W. H.
January 1931

BOOKS FOR CHILDREN UP TO TEN YEARS OF AGE

Picture Books, Including Mother Goose

This group is arranged according to the ages of the children to whom the books will appeal, youngest first, oldest last.

Caldecott, Randolph. Hey diddle diddle picture book. Warne \$2.25

Mother Goose. Jessie Willcox Smith little Mother Goose. Dodd \$1.50

Falls, C. B. A B C book. Doubleday \$2 *order*

Mother Goose. Berta and Elmer Hader's picture book of Mother Goose. Coward-McCann \$3.50

Smith, E. B. Chicken world. Putnam \$2.50

Greenaway, Kate. Under the window. Warne \$2.50

✓ Potter, Beatrix. Tale of Peter Rabbit. Warne 75c

✓ Le Fèvre, Félicité. The cock, the mouse and the little red hen. Macrae \$1

✓ Brooke, L. L. Johnny Crow's garden. Warne \$1.75

Eisgruber, Elsa. Spin top spin; and Rosmarie and thyme. Macmillan \$3

✓ Smith, E. B. Farm book. Houghton \$3

✓ Lucas, E. V. Four and twenty toilers; illus. by F. D. Bedford. McDevitt-Wilson \$2.25

Moffat, A. E. Our old nursery rhymes; illus. by H. Willebeek Le Mair. McKay \$3

✓ Brooke, L. L. Golden goose book. Warne \$3

Orton, H. F. Little lost pigs. Stokes \$1.25

Charles, R. H. Roundabout turn; illus. by L. L. Brooke. Warne \$1.50

Wiese, Kurt. Karoo, the kangaroo. Coward-McCann \$1.50

Grant, Gordon. Story of the ship. McLoughlin \$2

✓ Carrick, Valery. Picture tales from the Russian. Stokes \$1.25

Bronson, W. S. Fingerfins, the tale of a Sargasso fish. Macmillan \$2

Petersham, Maud, & Petersham, Miska. Miki. Doubleday \$2 *order*

Morrow, Mrs Elizabeth. The painted pig, a Mexican picture book; illus. by René d'Harnoncourt. Knopf \$2 *order*

Crane, Walter. Sleeping beauty picture book. Dodd \$1.50 *order*

✓ Beskow, Elsa. Aunt Green, Aunt Brown and Aunt Lavender. Harper \$2.25

Boutet de Monvel, L. M. Joan of Arc. Century \$4

Poetry

De La Mare, Walter. A child's day; illus. by Winifred Bromhall. Holt \$1.75

Edgar, M. G., ed. Treasury of verse for little children. Crowell \$1.50

Fyleman, Rose. Fairies and chimneys. Doubleday \$1.25

Harrington, M. P., ed. Ring-a-round, a collection of verse for boys and girls; illus. by Corydon Bell. Macmillan \$3

Lear, Edward. Book of nonsense. Crowell 75c

✓ Milne, A. A. When we were very young. Dutton \$2

✓ Stevenson, R. L. Child's garden of verses; illus. by Charles Robinson. Scribner \$1.75; illus. by F. E. Storer. Scribner \$1

Bible Stories

Bible. The little children's Bible. (Little lib.) Macmillan \$1

——— Stories from the Bible, by Walter De La Mare; illus. by Theodore Nadejen. Cosmopolitan \$2.50

Fairy Tales and Other Famous Stories

The first few books of this group may be read to four-year-olds.

Those at the end of the list are for the older fairy tale readers.

Hutchinson, V. S., ed. Chimney corner stories. Minton \$2.50

✓ Kipling, Rudyard. Just so stories. Doubleday \$2

Aesop. Aesop for children; illus. by Milo Winter. Rand \$2

——— Book of fables; ed. by H. E. Scudder. Houghton 60c

——— Fables; ed. by Joseph Jacobs. (Children's classics) Macmillan \$1

Bates, K. L. Once upon a time; illus. by M. E. Price. Rand \$2

✓ Paine, A. B. Hollow tree and deep woods book; illus. by J. M. Condé. Harper \$1.75

Lorenzini, Carlo. Adventures of Pinocchio; illus. by Charles Copeland. Ginn 64c; illus. by Attilio Mussino; trans. by Carol della Chiesa. (Children's classics) Macmillan \$1

✓ Lagerlöf, S. O. L. Wonderful adventures of Nils; illus. by M. H. Frye. Doubleday \$2.50; school ed. Doubleday \$1

✓ Milne, A. A. Winnie-the-pooh. Dutton \$2

✓ Lofting, Hugh. Story of Doctor Dolittle. Stokes \$1.50

✓ Kipling, Rudyard. Jungle book. Doubleday \$2.50

Kingsley, Charles. Water babies; illus. by Jessie Willcox Smith. Dodd \$1.75

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four other eds.

Grishina, N. Shorty. Stokes \$1.25

✓ Aspinwall, A. T. Short stories for short people. Dutton \$2 —
Bailey, Margery. The little man with one shoe. Little \$2.25

✓ Wiggins, Mrs K. D. (Smith), & Smith, N. A. eds. Tales of laughter. Doubleday \$2

Grimm, J. L. K. & Grimm, W. K. Fairy tales; illus. by Louis Rhead. Harper \$1.75; ed. by S. E. Wiltse. 2v. Ginn 76c ea.

✓ ——— Household stories; illus. by Walter Crane. (Children's classics) Macmillan \$1

Siberiak, Mamin. Verotchka's tales, trans. by Ray Davidson; illus. by B. M. Artzybasheff. Dutton \$2

✓ Cervantes-Saavedra, Miguel de. Don Quixote, retold by Judge Parry; illus. by Walter Crane. Dodd \$2.50

Jatakas. Jataka tales, retold by E. C. Babbitt; illus. by Ellsworth Young. Century \$1.25

✓ Harris, J. C. Uncle Remus; illus. by A. B. Frost. Appleton \$2

Baker, Olaf. Shasta of the wolves; illus. by C. L. Bull. Dodd \$2

✓ Casserley, Anne. Michael of Ireland. Harper \$1.50

Mason, Arthur. Wee men of Ballywooden; illus. by Robert Lawson. Doubleday \$2.50

Dodgson, C. L. Alice's adventures in wonderland and Through the looking glass; illus. by Sir John Tenniel. (Children's classics) Macmillan \$1

Marie, queen of Roumania. Story of naughty Kildeen. Harcourt \$2.50

✓ Carryl, C. E. Davy and the goblin. (Riverside bookshelf) Houghton \$2

✓ Craik, Mrs D. M. (Mulock). Little lame prince; illus. by Hope Dunlap. Rand \$1.50

✓ Finger, C. J. Tales from silver lands; illus. by Paul Honoré. Doubleday \$2.50

Macdonald, George. At the back of the north wind; illus. by F. D. Bedford. (Children's classics) Macmillan \$1

✓ ——— Princess and the goblin; illus. by Jessie Wilcox Smith. McKay \$3.50; illus. by F. D. Bedford. (Children's classics) Macmillan \$1

Macdonald, Greville. Billy Barnicoat; illus. by F. D. Bedford. Dutton \$2

Pyle, Howard. Pepper and salt. Harper \$2

✓ ——— Wonder clock. Harper \$2

——— Twilight land. Harper \$1.75

Stockton, F. R. Fanciful tales. Scribner 72c

- Swift, Jonathan. Gulliver's travels; illus. by C. E. Brock. Macmillan \$2.40; illus. by Willy Pogany. Macmillan \$2.50; illus. by Arthur Rackham. Dutton \$2.50
- Bland, Edith (Nesbit). Bastable children. Coward-McCann \$3

Good Stories Other than Fairy Tales

Begin with the top of the list for the youngest children

- ✓ Perkins, L. F. Dutch twins. Houghton 88c
- ✓ ——— Japanese twins. Houghton 88c
- ✓ Hopkins, W. J. The sandman, his farm stories. Page \$1.75
- ✓ Clark, Margery, *pseud.* Poppy-seed cakes; illus. by Maud and Miska Petersham. Doubleday \$2
- ✓ Hunt, C. W. About Harriet; illus. by M. W. Enright. Houghton \$2
- Robinson, M. L. Little Lucia. Dutton \$1.50
- Cobb, B. B. & Cobb, Ernest. Clematis. Putnam \$1.75
- Rowe, Dorothy. Rabbit lantern. Macmillan \$1.75
- ✓ Wyss, J. D. Swiss family Robinson; illus. by Louis Rhead. Harper \$1.75
- Phillips, E. C. Black-eyed Susan. Houghton \$1.50
- Wee Ann. Houghton \$1.50
- Popover family. Houghton \$1.75
- Parrish, Anne. Floating island. Harper \$3
- Spyri, J. H. Heidi; illus. by Marguerite Davis. Ginn 84c; illus. by M. W. Enright. Rand \$1.75; illus. by Gustav Tenggren. (Riverside bookshelf) Houghton \$2; illus. by Jessie Willcox Smith. McKay \$3.50
- Brown, E. A. Whistling Rock. Lothrop \$1.50
- Hunt, C. W. Little house in the woods. Houghton \$1.75
- Smith, Mrs M. P. (Wells). Jolly good times; illus. by H. M. Grose. (Beacon Hill bookshelf) Little \$2
- Hill, Helen, & Maxwell, Violet. Little Tonino. Macmillan \$1.75
- Swift, H. H. Little Blacknose. Harcourt \$2
- White, S. E. Magic forest. (Little lib.) Macmillan \$1
- ✓ Tee Van, H. D. Red Howling Monkey. Macmillan \$2
- Horne, R. H. Memoirs of a London doll; illus. by E. L. Brock. (Little lib.) Macmillan \$1
- ✓ Field, Rachel. Hitty, her first hundred years; illus. by Dorothy Lathrop. Macmillan \$2.50
- Jacobi, E. P. Adventures of Andris. Macmillan \$2.50
- Schram, C. W. Olaf, Lofoten fisherman. Longmans \$2

Martineau des Chesnez, Élizabeth (Lair). Lady Green Satin and her maid Rosette; illus. by Winifred Bromhall. (Children's classics) Macmillan \$1

Kaler, J. O. Toby Tyler; illus. by R. H. Rodgers. Harper \$2.50

Gardiner, A. C. & Osborne, N. C. Father's gone a-whaling. Doubleday \$2

✓ **Fisher, Mrs Dorothy (Canfield).** Understood Betsy. Holt \$1.75

White, E. O. Peggy in her blue frock. Houghton \$1.65

✓ **Hale, L. P.** Peterkin papers; illus. by Harold Brett. (Riverside bookshelf) Houghton \$2

✓ **Jackson, Mrs H. M. (Fiske) Hunt.** Nelly's silver mine; illus. by H. R. Richards. Little \$2

Lenski, Lois. Little girl of nineteen hundred. Stokes \$2.50

✓ **Haskell, H. E.** Katrinka. Dutton \$2

✓ **Miller, E. C.** Children of the mountain eagle. Doubleday \$2

Moon, G. P. Chi Weé. Doubleday \$2

Hudson, W. H. Little boy lost. Knopf \$1.25; illus. by Dorothy Lathrop. Knopf \$4

Scott, Evelyn, & Scott, C. K. In the endless sands. Holt \$2

✓ **Morley, M. W.** Donkey John of the Toy Valley. McClurg \$1.50

Sherwood, Mrs M. M. (Butt). Fairchild family; illus. by Florence Rudland. Stokes \$2.50

Robida, A. Treasure of Carcassonne. Longmans \$2

Fitinghoff, Laura. Children of the moor. Houghton \$2.50

Snedeker, Mrs C. D. Theras and his town. Doubleday \$2

Yonge, C. M. Little duke; illus. by Marguerite de Angeli. (Children's classics) Macmillan \$1; illus. by Beatrice Stevens. Duffield \$2.50

Interesting "Information Books"

Nature Books

Burgess, T. W. Burgess bird book; illus. by L. A. Fuertes. Little \$3

— Burgess flower book. Little \$3

Johnson, Gaylord. Star people. Macmillan \$1.50

Kent, Frances. Puppy dogs' tales. Macmillan \$2

✓ **Mukerji, D. G.** Kari the elephant. Dutton \$2

✓ **Patterson, A. J.** Spinner family. McClurg \$1.75

Patteson, S. L. How to have bird neighbors. Macrae \$1.25

Roberts, C. G. D. Children of the wild. Macmillan \$1.50

✓ **Seton, E. T.** Wild animals I have known. Grosset \$1

✓ **Sewell, Anna.** Black Beauty. Macrae \$1.50

How To Do Things

- Beard, Lina, & Beard, A. B. Little folks' handy book. Scribner \$1.12
- Mother Nature's toy shop. Scribner \$1.25
- Burrell, C. B. Little cook book for a little girl. Page \$1.10
- Little housekeeping book for a little girl. Page \$1.10
- Plimpton, Edna. Your workshop. Macmillan \$1.50
- Rich, G. E. When mother lets us make paper box furniture. Dodd \$1
- Wodell, H. P. Beginning to garden. Macmillan \$1.75

Other Times and Other Lands

- Bradley, M. H. Alice in Jungleland. Appleton \$2
- Grierson, E. W. Book of Edinburgh for young people. Macmillan \$2
- Hall, Jennie. Buried cities. Macmillan \$2
- ✓ Hillyer, V. M. Child's history of the world. Century \$3.50
- ✓ Jewett, Sophie. God's troubadour. Crowell \$2
- Kummer, F. A. First days of man. Doubleday \$2
- Lang, Mrs L. B. (*Mrs Andrew Lang*). Book of princes and princesses. Longmans \$1.75
- Lippincott, Mrs S. J. (*Clarke*). Merrie England. Ginn 64c
- Wells, M. E. How the present came from the past. 2v. Macmillan 80c ea.

BOOKS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS OVER TEN YEARS OF AGE

Poetry and the Bible

- ✓ Bible. Bible for young people. Century \$3.50
- ✓ Stevenson, B. E., ed. Home book of verse for young folks; illus. by Willy Pogany. Holt \$3
- ✓ Untermyer, Louis, ed. This singing world. Harcourt \$3

Fairy Tales and Other Famous Stories

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✓ Andersen, H. C. Fairy tales; ed. by J. H. Stickney. Ginn, v. 1, 72c; v. 2, 76c; illus. by W. H. Robinson. McKay \$1.50

Arabian nights.

- Selected stories from the Arabian nights, ed. by Samuel Eliot. Houghton 92c
- Arabian nights; ed. by Padraic Colum. (Children's classics) Macmillan \$1

More tales from the Arabian nights; ed. by F. J. Olcott; illus. by Willy Pogany. Holt \$2

✓ Arabian nights; illus. by Maxfield Parrish. Scribner \$3.50

✓ Baldwin, James. Story of Siegfried. Scribner \$2

Beston, H. B. Starlight wonder book; illus. by Maurice Day. Little \$2.50

Bonsels, Waldemar. Adventures of Mario; trans. by Whittaker Chambers. Boni \$3

Chaucer, Geoffrey. Tales from Chaucer: the Canterbury tales done into prose by Eleanor Farjeon. Cape \$3

✓ Chrisman, A. B. Shen of the sea. Dutton \$2

Colum, Padraic. Children's Homer; illus. by Willy Pogany. Macmillan \$2 *ed. by C. D. Young*

Froissart, Sir John. Boy's Froissart; ed. by Sidney Lanier. Scribner \$2.25

✓ Hawthorne, Nathaniel. Wonder book and Tanglewood tales. McKay \$1; illus. by Maxfield Parrish. Duffield \$3.50

Housman, Lawrence. Doorway in fairyland. Harcourt \$2

Hyde, M. P. Singing sword: the story of Sir Ogier the Dane. Little \$2.50

Kingsley, Charles. The heroes; or, Greek fairy tales. Ginn 76c

✓ Lamb, Charles. Adventures of Ulysses. Heath 64c

✓ ——— & Lamb, M. A. Tales from Shakespeare; illus. by Norman Price. Nelson \$1.50

✓ Malory, Sir Thomas. Boy's King Arthur; ed. by Sidney Lanier; illus. by N. C. Wyeth. Scribner \$2.50

O'Connor, N. J. There was magic in those days; illus. by J. G. Parks. Stokes \$2

✓ Pyle, Howard. Merry adventures of Robin Hood. Scribner \$3.50

———— Story of King Arthur and his knights. Scribner \$3.50

Raspé, R. R. Children's Munchausen retold by John Martin. Houghton \$2.25

✓ Thackeray, W. M. Rose and the ring. Heath 64c

Interesting "Information Books"

Adams, R. G. Gateway to American history. Little \$3

Akeley, D. J. "J. T., Jr." Macmillan \$2.25

Auslander, Joseph, & Hill, F. E. Winged horse. Doubleday \$1.50

Baynes, E. H. The sprite; the story of a red fox. Macmillan \$1.75

- Collins, F. A. Sentinels along our coast. Century \$2
- Conway, A. E. & Conway, Sir W. M. Children's book of art. Macmillan \$2.50
- Greene, Fitzhugh. Martin Johnson, lion hunter. Putnam \$1.75
- Hallock, G. T. & Turner, C. E. Louis Pasteur. Heath \$1.12
- Happold, F. C. Adventure of man. Harcourt \$2
- Hutchinson, Woods. Building strong bodies. Houghton 88c
- Kearton, Charles. My friend Toto. Dodd \$1
- Kenly, J. C. Green magic; the story of the world of plants. Appleton \$2.50; school ed. Appleton 69c
- Lamprey, Louise. In the days of the guild. Stokes \$2.50
- McClelland, Nancy. Young decorators. Harper \$2.50
- Moses, M. J. *ed.* Treasury of plays for children. Little \$3
- Olcott, W. T. Book of stars for young people. Putnam \$3
- Oliver, M. I. G. First steps in the enjoyment of pictures. Holt \$1.75
- Overton, Jacqueline. Long Island's story. Doubleday \$3.50
- Peck, A. M. Storybook Europe. Harper \$2.50
- Philadelphia. South Philadelphia high school for girls. Every-day manners for American boys and girls. Macmillan 80c
- Price, O. W. The land we live in. Dodd \$2
- Pumpelly, Raphael. Travels and adventures of Raphael Pumpelly; ed. by O. S. Rice. Holt \$1.75
- Richards, L. E. H. Florence Nightingale. Appleton \$1.75
- Scudder, H. E. George Washington. Houghton \$2
- Seymour, F. W. Boy's life of Frémont. Century \$2
- Singmaster, Elsie. Book of the constitution. Doubleday \$1.50
- Stuart, D. M. The boy through the ages. Doubleday \$3
- Tappan, E. M. When knights were bold. Houghton \$3
- Tarbell, I. M. Boy Scouts' life of Lincoln. Macmillan \$2
- Tassin, Algernon, & Maurice, A. B. Story of American literature. Macmillan \$2
- Thomas, Lowell. Boys' life of Colonel Lawrence. Century \$2
- Verrill, A. H. Boy collector's handbook. McBride \$2
- Waldo, Fullerton. Grenfell, knight errant of the north. Macrae \$2
- West, J. E. Lone scout of the sky — Lindbergh. Winston \$1
- White, S. E. Daniel Boone, wilderness scout. (Windmill books) Doubleday \$1
- Williams-Ellis, Amabel. Men who found out; stories of great scientific discoverers. Coward-McCann \$2

Fiction

Story Books Enjoyed by both Boys and Girls

- ✓ Bennett, John. Master Skylark; illus. by Reginald Birch. Century \$2
- Boyer, W. S. Johnny Kelly. Houghton \$2
- ✓ Cannon, C. J. Pueblo boy. Houghton \$2
- ✓ Clemens, S. L. Prince and the pauper. Harper \$2.25
- Daniel, Hawthorne. Shadow of the sword. Macmillan \$2.50
- Defoe, Daniel. Robinson Crusoe; illus. by N. C. Wyeth. *very like*
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- ✓ Dix, B. M. Merrylips. Macmillan \$1.75
- ✓ Dodge, Mrs Mary (Mapes). Hans Brinker. Scribner \$1; illus. by A. B. Doggett. New Amsterdam ed. Scribner \$1.50
- Dudley, A. T. King's powder. Lothrop \$1.75
- ✓ Eggleston, Edward. Hoosier school boy. Scribner \$1
- Ewing, Mrs J. H. (Gatty). Jackanapes; illus. by H. M. Brock. *new title*
Harcourt \$2
Includes Daddy Darwin's dovecote and The story of a short life.
- Gautier, Judith. Memoirs of a white elephant; trans. by S. A. B. Harvey. Duffield \$2.50
- Harper, T. A. & Harper, Winifred. Siberian gold. (Windmill books) Doubleday \$1
- His Excellency and Peter; illus. by Kurt Wiese. Doubleday \$2
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